



## Englewood Construction Announces Six New Midwest Projects, Including Children's Creative Learning Center in Chicago

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Englewood Construction, one of the country's leading commercial construction firms, has been tapped for six new projects throughout the Midwest, including two in Chicago. All projects are slated for completion between now and the end of the year.

"We're continuing to win a wide range of projects, including additional work for Advance Auto Parts, which supports the trend we started to see earlier this year for new auto parts stores," said William Di Santo, president of Lemont, Ill.-based Englewood Construction. "And with the multiple open remodel jobs we're starting for Noodles & Company, it's obvious the fast-casual restaurant sector is still going strong."

In the Chicago area, Englewood Construction has been hired for the expansion and renovation of the Children's Creative Learning Center (CCLC) located at 446 E. Ontario St. in the Onterie Center in downtown Chicago. CCLC provides employer-sponsored early childhood education and care.

Phase I of the project includes renovating the existing 2,103-square-foot space and expanding the school into adjacent space on the main floor of the Onterie Center, a mixed-use tower that includes luxury apartments and first-floor retail. Englewood will add new classrooms and indoor playground features to the facility. Upon completion, the CCLC will occupy 4,102 square feet.

Phase II of the project will focus on renovating the school's playground. ADA Architects, Inc., of Lakewood, Ohio, is the architect. CCLC's parent company, Knowledge Universe, is a global education company with a network of more than 3,000 education locations. The CCLC location at Onterie Center is one of two in the Chicago area. The other location is in Lisle, Ill.

"Safety is always a top concern in working in school construction because children are the end-user. In fact, one reason we were chosen was because of our strong safety record," said Di Santo. "Also, we are very familiar with the logistics of working in a mixed-used development that includes residents. Mitigating sound and making sure residents' lives aren't disrupted by construction is the name of the game."

The construction firm's second Chicago-area project is the build-out of a 13,345-square-foot Advanced Auto Parts store at 7324 N. Western Ave.

"This marks the fifth auto parts store Englewood has worked on this year," noted Di Santo. "We have a depth of knowledge and experience in this category and we know what Advanced Auto wants from our history in working with them. Also, we appreciate the store's smart location along this stretch of 'auto row' on Western Avenue. With dozens of car dealerships nearby, it's a great opportunity for Advanced Auto to increase its visibility on Chicago's Northwest Side."

Advanced Auto Parts has more than 3,500 stores nationwide. Shive-Hattery Architects in Downers Grove, Ill. is the architect.

In the restaurant sector, Noodles & Company has tapped Englewood Construction for four restaurant remodel and maintenance projects.

Englewood has started "open remodel" projects for two 2,400-square-foot Noodle & Company restaurants in Wisconsin. One is located at on East Towne Blvd. in Madison and the other is located on Capital Drive in Pewaukee. Englewood Construction will remodel the dining room in both restaurants.

"We know how important it is for restaurants not to skip a beat and stay open during a remodel," said Di Santo. "We work at night and make sure the space is clean and ready for business the next day. Obviously, Noodles & Company appreciates our construction schedule as we've worked on more than 21 of their locations."

The construction firm also will be doing maintenance work to replace HVAC rooftop units and exhaust fans for two Noodles & Company locations in Kansas – one in Overland Park and one in Olathe.

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